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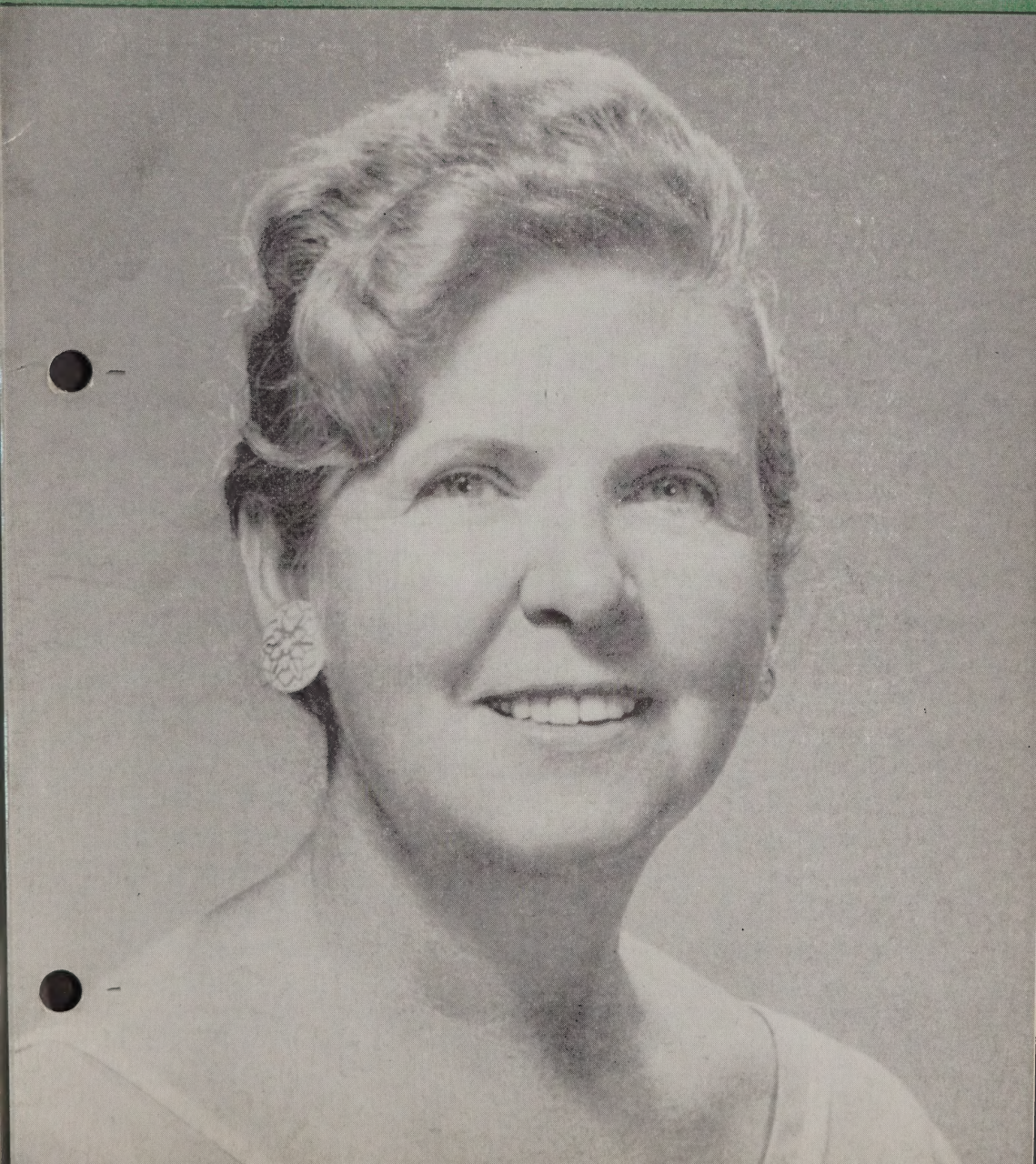

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EDITORIAL

REHABILITATION IN HAMPDEN

Although Hampden County can well be proud of the excellence of its medical facilities there is one area in which it has lagged lamentably behind, namely that of total rehabilitation. To be sure our hospitals have improved of late their equipment and personnel, but their efforts have remained limited largely to physical therapy. But this, as we all know, is but a single, isolated phase of total rehabilitation.

More than a decade has passed since our District Society first proposed the establishment of a total rehabilitation center for the greater Springfield area. For a while hopes ran high. In 1951 the Springfield Rehabilitation Center, Inc. was organized. The new Municipal Hospital was envisioned as the most logical site. The Commonwealth, it was believed, would be willing to finance a connecting tunnel with the adjacent Trade High School which would serve ideally the purpose of vocational rehabilitation. (A chronological history of rehabilitation in the Hampden District appears on page 16).

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26. (See page 15).

It was hoped also that the United Fund might accept the rehabilitation center as a beneficiary agency, but this never materialized. The situation changed not at all following the survey by Dr. Howard Rusk in 1926. Neither did it change in 1957 when the by-laws of the Rehabilitation Center were revised to increase the number of lay members on its Board, as suggested by the Springfield Community Council. What should be stressed is that the intent has never been to supplant existing facilities, but rather to augment them, to coordinate them and to provide the additional services which are now lacking. In so doing a considerable saving in terms of man hours and costs could be accomplished by reducing much of the existing overlapping and duplication.

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COMPULSORY A.M.A. MEMBERSHIP?

Shall membership in the A.M.A. be mandatory?

This question will be considered by the M.M.S. at its Council meeting of October 4th. According to the Circular of Advance Information, the Committee on By-Laws and Council Rules will recommend that no action be taken at this time.

It is sincerely hoped that Council instead of delaying and postponing will decide to take more positive action. Sooner or later a definite stand will have to be made, why not now? Barring such action the District Societies and their membership should be canvassed at once for an expression of opinion. The problem is urgent. In the meantime we will all do well to familiarize ourselves with some of the pros and cons of this extremely important question:

For Compulsory A.M.A. Membership

1. The medical profession is expected to be a self-governing and self-policing body. This being the case the A.M.A. as our national organization, needs the support of all the active fellows of our Society. One hundred per cent membership would unquestionably strenghten the hand of the A.M.A. In our own state, at the moment, 1,007 of 6,191 active fellows are not members of the A.M.A.

2. The many services to the profession and the public rendered by the A.M.A. make it well deserving of the support of the entire profession.

3. Mandatory A.M.A. membership would increase the number of our representatives to the House of Delegates from 6 to 7.

Against Compulsory Membership

1. Objection to the principles of compulsion.

2. Increase in Medical Society dues (for present non-members in the A.M.A.).

3. Possibility that some members might resign from State Society as a protest against compulsion.

Compulsory membership in the A.M.A. exists now in 12 states. In most others the question of such membership is being seriously debated. What shall our own attitude be?

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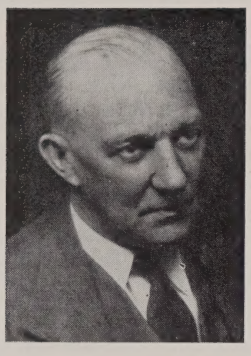
President's Page



Thrilled by the magnificent spontaneous support of the Society and Auxiliary members as well as many others. I offer to you my appreciation and admiration.

Committees have been very active this summer preparing for a BANNER YEAR.

Decorations, mailing and distribution of educational material were in no small part due to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hampden District Medical Society.

Valuable office equipment has been donated by several society members. For this, we extend our thanks.

Our full time secretary is busy with varied requests for information, compiling of reports and correspondence.

She, a graduate nurse, is amazed at the enthusiasm of doctors and their prompt dispatch of reports, questionnaires and "dues".

Our Public Relations, Disaster, and Medico-Legal Committees have been most active as you shall soon learn.

Unusual demands on individual members have been met with heart-warming response.

As in the past, the press, radio and television facilities have certainly lived up to a promise to be of assistance in all matters of public service.

Such loyalty to our society I repeat thrills me and presages a fruitful year ahead.

Let this loyalty extend to all and especially to our fellow physicians.

Think of him at his best — he'll be there. See you *all* in Westfield September 26.

Best wishes and thanks.

Jerry Whitney

EXECUTIVE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Committee meeting of June 20, 1961 was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Whitney. Present were Drs: Palermo, Miller Bandeian, Turner, Mills, Corcoran, and Kennedy. The committee met first as the grievance committee and considered two cases, one of which will be referred to the Ethics and Discipline Committee of the M.M.S. The committee was then joined by Drs: Menard, Reilly, Gillis, Grugan, and Memery of the Public Relations Committee, who met with Mr. Everett Spencer, Jr., Public Relations Director of the M.M.S. Mr. Spencer was guest speaker of the evening.

The Executive Committee then met for its business meeting.

A letter was read from Dr. Millman recommending the designation of Dr. David Williams as Associate Editor. This was approved.

Dr. O. J. Menard was elected alternate Public Relations Councilor and Dr. H. B. Tillman was elected alternate Legislative Councilor.

Dr. Bandeian gave a progress report of a "mock trial" to be held at one of the fall District Meetings.

It was voted and passed that the H.D.M.S. be known as a Professional Organization for Social Security purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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The meeting of the Mental Health Committee of the Hampden District Medical Society was called to order on June 18, 1961 at 12:30 at the Springfield Municipal Hospital, Those present were: Doctors Whitney, Polchlopek, D'Avanzo, and Cooper. Through a secretarial oversight, the new members were not notified of the meeting and consequently failed to attend.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, at which time the representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health were present. Inasmuch as we have not heard from them (as they had promised) regarding their decision with reference to the permanent location of the State Mental Health Clinic, it was suggested that we write to Dr. Harry Solomon, Commissioner of Mental Health, concerning the current status of the State's program in Springfield.

The matter of formulating a project by the Mental Health Committee for this year's program was discussed and the following questions emerged:

1. What are some of the unmet needs in this community in the field of mental health, and how can they best be met?
2. How can we assist in the rehabilitation of the discharged patients from the Northampton State Hospital?
3. What can the Hampden District Medical Society do in collaboration with other existing agencies in behalf of the mentally sick?

Dr. Whitney recommended that representatives of all agencies interested in the field of mental health get together in the fall for a broad discussion of the above questions, perhaps with the thought of possibly organizing a lay group interested in helping. He discussed at length the importance of providing these agencies with the medical sponsorship of the Society, and suggested that the meeting in the fall revolve around the theme of ways and means by which medical support can be assured to them.

Olive A. Cooper, M. D., Chairman

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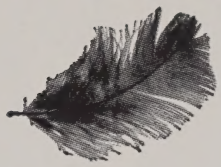

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4 — The Public Relations Committee

Sitting l. to r. Drs. A. A. Palermo, (chairman), J. A. Whitney (President), Mr. E. R. Spencer, (Director Public Relations and Administration, Massachusetts Medical Society).
Standing—Drs: E. J. Gillis, H. N. Memery, T. F. Reilly, O. J. Menard, and R. A. Grugan.
Missing are Drs: W. M. Davis, J. J. Pendola, J. A. Leary, F. F. Franseen, C. S. D'Avanzo, F. A. Teta, E. Ferguson, H. H. Shuman, and J. M. Maloney.

According to our bylaws the Public Relations Committee "shall consist of the Public Relations Councilor, who shall serve as chairman, and at least four members appointed by the President". The by-laws further provide that the Public Relations Committee "shall concern itself with immediate and long range plans for improving relations between members of the Society and the public, utilizing all available media. It shall consider all matters of public relations referred to it by the Society or by the Committee on Public Relations of the Massachusetts Medical Society".

In recent years our P-R Committee has engaged in many activities, including raido, T-V and newspaper programming, High School Science Fairs, Indoctrination programs, etc., etc. Most notable of all were the two Health Forum series, the first under the chairmanship of Dr. Thomas F. Reilly, in 1955, and the other under Dr. Joseph Baker in 1956.

Judging by its size, organization and plans (see page 9), our incumbent P-R Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Al Palermo, apparently means business. The least we can do is to support it in every way possible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Public Relations is a combination of publicity and promotion. The first seeks to inform, and the second, while it also seeks to inform, primarily seeks to promote the activities of a group.

Your Public Relations Committee, in an attempt to promote the activities of the HDMS—with a desire to build sound and productive relations in the Hampden area—which will enhance our ability to serve our communities—has organized itself as follows:

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
A. A. Palermo, Chairman
O. J. Menard, Alternate Chairman and Coordinator; Health Agencies (Community Council)

R. A. Grugan, First Vice Chairman and Coordinator; Newspaper, TV, Radio, Speakers Roster

H. N. Memery, Second Vice Chairman and Coordinator; Internal Relations (Develop greater unity within the Society. Keep members informed of PR activities. Increase Society attendance).

W. M. Davis, Coordinator; Hospital Relations (Trustee, Medical Staff, Nursing Staff, OPD, ED, etc.).

J. J. Pendola, Coordinator; Medical Disciplinary Committee

J. A. Leary, Coordinator; American Academy of General Practice

E. F. Franseen, Coordinator; Rehabilitation & Allied Groups

T. F. Reilly, Coordinator; Legislative Committee (Arranging meetings with legislators and Dr. Emery).

C. S. D'Avanzo, Coordinator; Woman's Auxiliary

F. A. Teta, Coordinator; Medico-Economics Problems

E. Ferguson, Coordinator; Public Relations in Holyoke area

E. J. Gillis, Coordinator; Public Relations in Westfield area

H. H. Shuman, Coordinator; Proposed new medical school study

J. M. Maloney, Coordinator; Medical Student Recruitment

Anyone who has a special interest in-a-sphere-of-activity not listed, will be welcome and encouraged to present his project for consideration.

Regular monthly meetings are planned throughout the year, at HDMS headquarters, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 12:15 p.m.—with coffee and a sandwich at 12 noon. We have had three meetings this summer—June 14th, July 12th and Auguse 9th. *The first meeting* was primarily organizational (see work sheet). *The second meeting* saw some action with Vice Chairman Grugan's proposals. 1. A letter to the entire mem-

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bership in reference to the Kerr-Mills Law vs the King-Anderson Bill. 2. To contact all new media—press, radio and television, with a statement indicating cooperation in *all* medical matters. Also a listing of the officers and PR chairmen. 3. Plan for sponsoring newspaper, radio or TV medical program on a weekly basis.

Two articles appeared in the newspaper in reference to the HDMS official stand on the Kerr-Mills Law vs the King-Anderson Bill. Material is available at headquarters for those of you who are asked to speak before clubs or groups.

A recommendation was made "that there be 24 hour telephone coverage of the HDMS office". Investigation shows that Dr. Howard Kennedy's trunk-line will be available with Mrs. Piacentini, who has our Emergency Medical Service. The charge will be thirteen dollars per month.

The third meeting showed considerable interest and action on the part of several Sub-Chairmen. A small poll on Dr. Grugan's circular letter, showed a 25% response.

Dr. Menard gave a progress report in the sphere of Health-Agencies. He plans a meeting with Mr. Shapiro, the Executive Secretary of the Community Council.

Dr. Pendola reported on the "AMA Medical Disciplinary Committee" survey.

Dr. Teta reported on Congressman Hall's speech before the delegates of the AMA telling of lobby-pressures and maneuvers. A tape recording of his talk is available.

Dr. Gillis reported on a conference with Dr. Healy, a chiropodist in Westfield, active in the Society-of-Chiropodists seeking Blue Shield coverage.

Dr. John Maloney has set dates, for presentation of the AMA film on medical-student-recruitment, for November 6th in Springfield at AIC and Springfield College, and November 7th at Amherst at the University of Massachusetts and Amherst College.

Dr. Shuman is obtaining information for the Society, from the Chairman of the University-of-Massachusetts-Committee for a study relative to the proposed new Medical School in the State of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfonzo A. Palermo, M. D.,
Chairman

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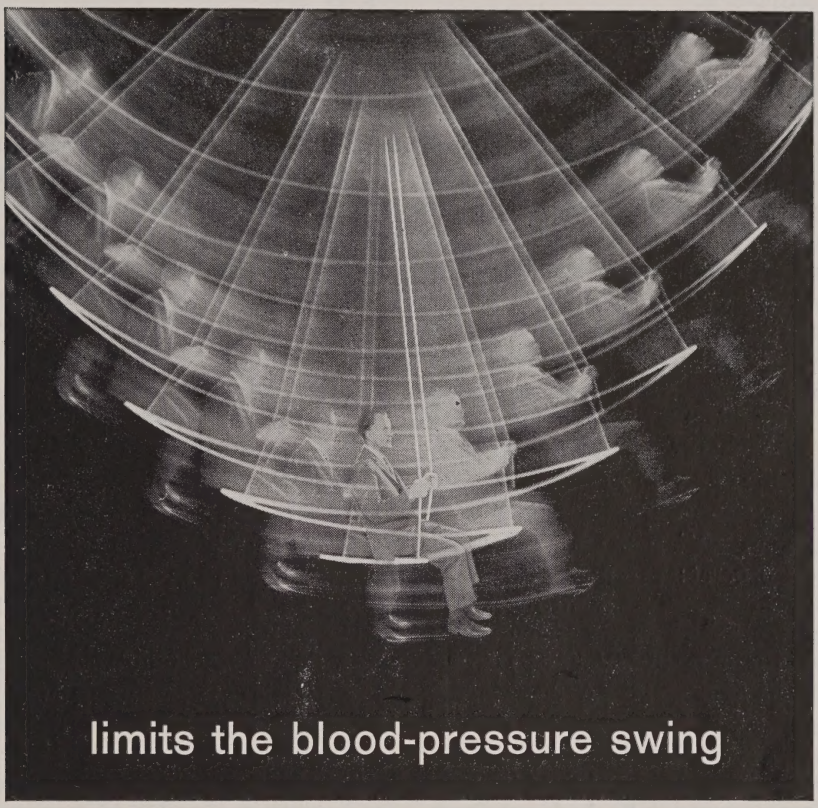

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Dear Hippocrat:

Thank you for the copies of the Hampden Hippocrat bearing my picture and my message. Both the picture and the message are well done from a printing point of view and I appreciate it greatly.

Again, many thanks - and my compliments to you upon the make-up and content of the journal. It does the Massachusetts Medical Society Hampden District credit and sets an example for the other district societies, one that cannot be emulated without rolling up shirt sleeves and sweating a bit.

David W. Wallwork, M.D.
President M.M.S.

Welfare Blues

Dear Hippocrat:

I should like to bring to the attention of the Society some of my recent experiences with the Welfare Department of Springfield. After sending regular monthly statements on a list of patients I was notified, after a six months wait, that I would not be compensated because bills had not been received by the Welfare Department within a ninety day period from the dates on which services were rendered. Several telephone calls produced no results.

In talking with some of my colleagues in Springfield, I find that my own experience is not unique. A number of men have had similar encounters, and some have reacted by refusing to see Welfare patients. In the final analysis, it is the patients who ultimately suffer.

The conclusions seem obvious. Either the Welfare Department is deliberately delinquent in compensating physicians for services rendered or its bookkeeping system is woefully inadequate, allowing for mass confusion. Because other physicians have had experiences similar to mine, I thought I should bring this matter to the attention of the Society.

Henry G. Ring, M.D.

REPORT OF MALPRACTICE AND MEDICO-LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Malpractice and Medico-Legal Affairs Committee is planning to stage a Mock Trial in conjunction with the Hampden County Bar Association.

The subject matter is being studied by a joint committee of doctors and lawyers consisting of Dr. Robert E. LaMarche, Dr. Leon Kruger and lawyers William Godfrey and Thomas Donoghue.

Respectfully submitted,
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to the
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"Speak your Beliefs in Deeds" is the National theme for the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association for the current year.

While it is true that actions speak louder than words, it is also true that words are often necessary to describe these actions. As the twelfth year of the Hampden District Medical Auxiliary is about to unfold, we should first all pay tribute to our past presidents, other officers and committee chairmen, who have contributed so much thoughtful planning, combined with countless hours of effort, to make our District Auxiliary the finest in the State. Reminiscing is gratifying, particularly in this instance. Our health Careers scholarships, (over $16,000) continue to hold the limelight in the entire state. For the second year in a row Hampden District received a special scroll for outstanding contributions to A.M.E.F. In membership, we are second to . . . yes . . . one. (This we may change). Last spring Career Day was an outstanding success, with over 400 youngsters attending the well planned seminar on Health Careers.

As a delegate to the 38th National Convention in New York, it was necessary to gain familiarity with the work being accomplished in other Districts throughout the country. It was with pardonable pride that this delegate discovered that our own District in Western Massachusetts compared very favorably with areas such as Southern California or upstate New York.

We have done well, but, let us not rest on our laurels. There is so much to be done. The field of legislation is ever with us, both in State and National levels. We were very pleased when called on recently by the District Society for aid in the development of "Work Committees" geared to promote good public relations.

To the Doctors' wives who are not yet members of our Auxiliary, may I extend a most cordial invitation to attend any or all of our meetings. Our programs are thought provoking and educational; we are serious minded and wish to be informed. Our Auxiliary is not just another "Woman's Club". Only by virtue of being the wife of a member of Hampden Dis-

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trict Medical Society are you eligible to join the Auxiliary . . . What a distinct privilege! Individually, Doctors' wives can be effective and influential citizens. The Auxiliary can inform and direct us concerning community health needs. It can plan and initiate health education approved by the AMA. It can correct false or justified criticism, and can strive to construct and maintain a true and favorable image of the Doctor's wife.

The history of our Auxiliary is one of many accomplishments. On such a firm foundation, we can and should build well. From our opening meeting in October to the Annual meeting in April we hope to really "Speak our Beliefs in Deeds".

Reserve the first Saturday in November for the Gala Ninth Annual White Cap Ball, to be held at the Schine Inn. It is said, "Nothing succeeds like success", and was there anything more successful than last year's beautiful Ball? In the interest of "Good Public Relations" as well as a good time, help the Health Careers Scholarship Fund continue to enjoy success.

There will be more to say later on about "Holiday Fun" at the Springfield Country Club, scheduled for a Sunday afternoon in December.

And now a word to our members: . . . Interest your husband in a physical checkup this year, as he so ardently recommends for others. Let the motto be, "You're Fine Doc, How Am I?"

And so to reiterate: "Speak Your Beliefs In Deeds".

AUXILIARY PROGRAM, 1961 - 1962

October 17, 1961, Opening Meeting. Luncheon, Betty's Old Towne House, Agawam.
Guest Speaker: James M. Dunning, D.D.S., Director of Harvard Health Service.
Topic: "Fluoridation of Water"
Greetings from H.D.M.S. President, Jerome Whitney
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November 4, 1961, Ninth Annual White Cap Ball to be held at the Schine Inn, Chicopee, Mass. (Benefit Health Career Scholarships)
Chairman: Mrs. O. J. Menard; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Adolph Franz, Jr.

December 10, 1961, Christmas Tea, Holiday Social for husbands and wives, Springfield Country Club.
Chairman, Mrs. Aldo J. Leani; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Stirlacci

February 6, 1962, "Time is Valuable". What we should know about cancer.
Speaker: Doctor A. A. Palermo, Wesson Memorial Hospital Auditorium
Chairman, Mrs. A. A. Palermo; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Omar T. Pace

April 24, 1962, Longmeadow Country Club.
Mrs. Harry J. Morrin, President, Woman's Auxiliary, Massachusetts Medical Society
Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Baker; Co-Chairman, Mrs. William F. Donoghue

Mrs. Emmanuel Wiedman,
Program Chairman

NEXT HAMPDEN DISTRICT MEETING

TIME: Tuesday, September 26
Social Hour 6 p.m.
Dinner (at expense of Society)
7 p.m., promptly

PLACE: Shaker Farms Country Club
Westfield, Mass.
(off route 20 at Little River Road)

SPEAKER: Col. I. Louis Hoffman, Director Base Medical Service, Westover

TOPIC: The Role of the Physician in Mass Casualties in Disaster, Natural and Thermonuclear

YOUR PRESENCE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED

Ray T. Smith,
Secretary

Rehabilitation (continued from page 1)

What is to be done? There are those who suggest that we drop the project altogether. But this is unthinkable. Our responsibility to the patient, be he cardiac, C.V.A., geriatric, congenital, alcoholic, traumatic, arthritic or mental, must not end with the improvement of his acute disabilities or ailments. In addition we must strive to restore him as much as possible to the dignity of physical, emotional and economic independence.

The minimum requirements for this purpose are: (1) adequate and centrally located physical facilities; (2) a complete staff under strict medical supervision and (3) the employment of a full time physiatrist. These, in essence, are the recommendations made by our own Rehabilitation Committees repeatedly over a period of years. What remains to be done now is to bring all the facts convincingly before the people of the greater Springfield area and to apprise them again and again of the crying need for total rehabilitation in Hampden.

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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF REHABILITATION IN HAMPDEN

1947—Dexter Fund Committee asked for a study of Rehabilitation needs.
1951—Study Committee of Medical Societies and Community agencies.
1951—Springfield Rehabilitation Center, Inc. and approved by Community Council.
1953—Director named (Miss Virginia Greenwood). Financial support provided by Dexter Fund.
February 28, 1955—Applied for United Fund membership.
March, 1955—Rusk survey completed for United Fund.
November 5, 1956—Joint Committee-United Fund and Hampden District Medical Society.
April 4, 1956—Statement of Principles.
December 5, 1957—Approved final draft of By-laws.
December 17, 1957—United Fund Board of Trustees voted approval of By-laws.
March 31, 1958—Springfield Rehabilitation Center, Inc. voted.
October, 1958—Approved by both Medical Societies.
June 9, 1959—Approved by Directors of Springfield Rehabilitation.
September 14, 1959—Approved by incorporators of Springfield Rehab.
October 9, 1959—By-law changes reported to Mass. Division of Taxation and Corporations.
December 1, 1959—Approval of Division of Taxation and Corporations.
1960—1955 Membership Application Tabled by United Fund.

From Dr. Rusk's Report

"The Study Team recognizes the value of citizen participation in the formulation of the policies and programs of both public and voluntary agencies concerned with services to the handicapped. Such participation is fundamental to effective overall planning. The Study Team, however, is equally firm in its conviction that the professional aspects of direct patient services must be under the supervision of qualified professional person-

nel. Medical experience, over the years, has shown the futility of attempting to [illegible]t a patient "by a committee". There must be fixed medical responsibility. The Study Team believes the "key" to more effective integration of direct services in rehabilitation in Springfield lies in:

"A. The appointment of a physician, who is professionally well-qualified in rehabilitation, and who has administrative ability to the post of Director of Rehabilitation of the Springfield Municipal Hospital.

"B. The development of mechanism whereby this Director of Rehabilitation will serve as a professional consultant to all agencies, both public and voluntary, which are housed in the Springfield Municipal Hospital, so that his skills and experience may be used by such agencies to strengthen their programs and exert a positive influence in the [illegible]rofessional integration of their programs. The Study Team believes it proper that such organizations should make an appropriate financial contribution to the salary of this physician.

"The Study Team believes that if the above and other recommendations made in this report are implemented that Springfield will have an effective 'community center' based on a functional concept of service, akin to the modern concept of a 'medical center' or a 'shopping center' in which a number of organizations plan their activities in such a fashion that its own identity and characteristics, is retained as each new functional unit is developed, but the unit as a whole has certain characteristics and strengths possessed individually by no one of its parts."

From "A Study of Rehabilitation Services in the Greater Springfield Area" (1955) by Howard A. Rusk, M.D., Chairman, Study Team.

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COMING EVENTS

HAMPDEN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
SEPTEMBER 19, 1961

HAMPDEN DISTRICT MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1961 (See page 15).

CENSORS MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 1961

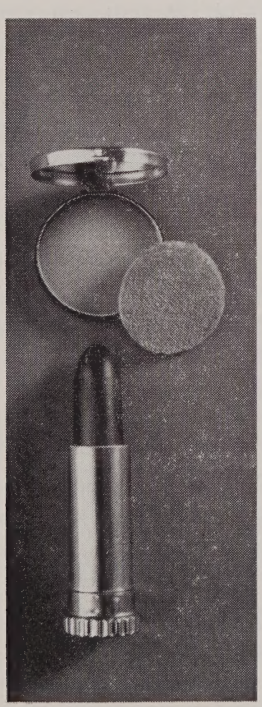
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, OCTOBER 2-5, CHICAGO, ILL.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 20-22, BAL HARBOUR, FLA.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, OCTOBER 1-6, CHICAGO, ILL.

A.M.A. CLINICAL MEETING, DENVER, COLORADO, NOVEMBER 27-30, 1961

A.M.A. ANNUAL MEETING, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JUNE 25-29, 1962



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TO MEMBERS OF THE INSURANCE AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

In lieu of a meeting of the Insurance and Labor Relations Committee before the September Meeting of the Hampden District, I would like to suggest that we submit the following proposals to be voted upon. I would like to have you consider these proposals and approve or disapprove them. Please return this letter to me with your choice.

1. The Committee on Insurance and Labor Relations would like reaffirmation, by vote, of the Hampden District's approval of the Relative Value system which was approved in May, 1960. This request by the Committee is proposed to obviate the objection placed by various members that the System was not revealed in time for members to read or absorb the information in it.

2. If acceptance is reaffirmed, the Committee would like to request that delegates appointed to organzations which control the distribution of medical and surgical fees acquaint these organizations with the relative value placed on services rendered by our District. These organizations would include the Department of Public Welfare (Massachusetts), Medicare, Blue Shield, Workman's Compensation, and the Veteran's Service & Administration. Where delegates are not appointed, the Committee would like permission to submit copies of the System to the organizations as informational material.

3. The Committee also requests permission to submit copies of our Relative Value System to private insurance companies as informational material.

4. We also request that copies of our Relative Value System be forwarded to The Committee on Public Relations of the Massachusetts Medical Society, which has been directed to study a system of Relative Value for the Massachusetts Medical Society.

5. This Committee urges each member to submit information concerning our Relative Value System to the various companies with which he is dealing so that private insurance companies will understand our system of charges.

The following is submitted as informational material:

1. The explanation of our System should always be based on the theory of relative values not dollar values. The District may, at any time, decide upon a different value for *Unit One*, which is now $5.00 (as a rule).

2. A supplement or revision of the Relative Value System approved in May, 1961, has not been forwarded to members because of the lack of suggestions for revision from the members of the Society. We will welcome future suggestions to help in compiling a revision.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren D. Platt, Jr., M. D.
Chairman
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P.S. It has been customary to select a new chairman for this Committee each year. At our first meeting, we will do so.

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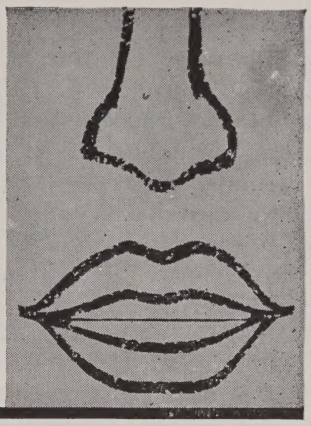

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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Dr. Albert Schweitzer

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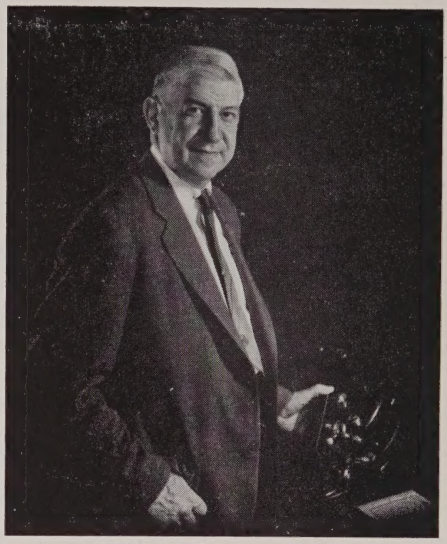

Milton Helpern, M. D.

At the October 10 meeting of the Springfield Academy of Medicine the speaker will be Milton Helpern, M.D., Professor and Chairman of Department of Forensic Medicine of New York University Post Graduate Medical School, and Medical Examiner for the City of New York. His topic will be "Investigation of Sudden, Suspicious and Violent Death". The Clinical Conference which will deal with "Unsuspected Death from Occlusive Coronary Artery Disease", will be held at the Mercy Hospital at 5 p.m.

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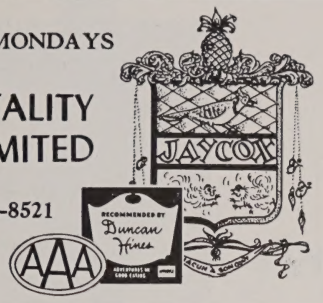

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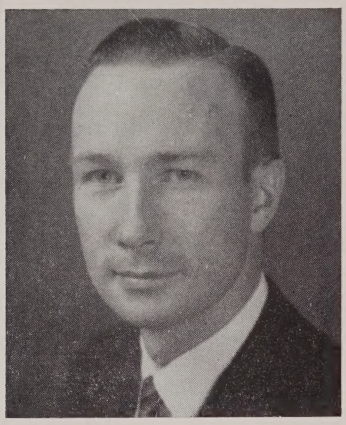

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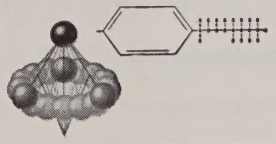

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Hippocrat welcomes cordially Dr. David W. Williams, designated recently an Associate Editor by the Executive Committee of the District Society. He replaces Dr. Jerome Whitney who, because of his new presidential duties, expressed a desire not to be re-appointed to the Board of Editors. The Hippocrat is most grateful to Dr. Whitney for his many years of dedicated service to our Bulletin.

A recent issue of the A.M.A. News reprinted from The Hippocrat most of the M.M.S. President Wallwork's splendid "Message to Hampden" which appeared in our June issue. This is flattering, of course. What pleased us most, however, is that for a change the credit line spelled our name correctly. This is unusual. We have been "reprinted" before but for some unknown reason we are almost always referred to as The *Hampton* Hippocrat. Proofreaders, please take notice.

The "Doctor and His Hobby" series, which has been appearing sporadically in The Hippocrat during the past two or three years, has proved quite popular, to some degree even on a national scale. Thus far nine "hobbies" have been published, and the end is apparently nowhere near in sight. The next two will deal, of all things, with "Glass Blowing" and "Forestry".

If you happen to have, or know of any member who has, an interesting hobby, please contact The Hippocrat about it.

On August 30 our District Society and its Auxiliary played host to the Committee on Disaster Medical Care of the M.M.S. A complete description of this very important meeting will appear in the October issue. In fact most of that issue will be devoted to the problem of Disaster Medical Care in this area.

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The Friday session will begin at 9 A.M. to 12 noon, and 1 to 5 P.M., followed by dinner at the hospital at 6 P.M. and a formal lecture at 8 P.M. The Saturday session will be held 9 A.M. to 12 noon. These sessions which will be held in the auditorium of the Springfield Hospital, are open to the profession.

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REPORT OF MEDICO-RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

No meetings have been held by the present committee. It is planned to canvass the membership this fall to determine what interest there is within the Society to plan a combined Doctor-Clergy dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Leroy J. Kendrew, M.D., Chairman

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